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the period ending 31st Oct^r '97.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq.
(Famine Commissioner).

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Special Assistant Agent's division, Górávari district, for the period ending 31st October 1897, based on the information received up to 25th October 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—The narrative gives information for Bhadráchalam taluk only—

Actual rainfall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.60
Average expected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.71

Water has been sufficient both for irrigation and drinking purposes.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Cholum, horse-gram and other pulses have been sown. The standing crops—hill cholum, chillies, paddy and manjonna—are in good condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—No fodder. Pasture is abundant. Condition of cattle is good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The standing crops are good. The ryots have sown later dry crops. There is now no anxiety about the condition of cattle.

FOOD-SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

PRICES of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st October 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Cholum.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	
Bhadráchalam	9	9	12	12	..	..	Stationary. Falling in rice. Falling in rice and cholum. No information this fortnight.
Kachavaram	8	9	12	12	..	..	
Waddigudem	8	9	10	12	..	..	
Dumagudem	10	..	12	..	14	..	
Average	..	..	..	..	..	..	

Activity of trade.—Moderate both in rice and dry staple food-grains. Sufficient quantity of rice is being imported by boats from Rajahmundry.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—No relief works.

In villages.—The old and the infirm people and the destitute poor were given gratuitous relief in the shape of grain-doles up to 15th instant. The relief has been ordered to be continued, with reference to the telegram of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1897, and has been recommenced since 24th instant.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera has subsided.

No deaths from want of food.

Remarks.—The condition of people is getting better day by day. Relief is now limited to those who are incapable of working and who have none to depend upon and no means of living. Relief is given in money according to the price of the cheapest dry grain available.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Works.—Nil.

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Bhadráchalam	..	..	..	..	..	..	428	437

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Bhadráchalam	60	69	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Advances to needy cultivators were completed by the 16th instant, and a further supply of 500 bags of korra and cumbu arrived at Kunavaram on the 20th instant, of which 150 have been consigned to Bhadráchalam. These will be distributed as required.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.—No inspection has been made, as there is no Special Assistant Agent. The Sub-Collector is in charge of the Special Assistant Agent's division in addition to his own duties.

Loan transactions.—Nil.

Endorsement by V. A. BRODIE Esq., Collector of Górávari, Dis. No. 3833-Ver., dated 5th November 1897.

Forwarded. As cumbu, korra and sama are all selling at 20 seers per rupee or less, and the gingelly crop which was considerable has realized fair prices though the quality was not good, distress is now very much reduced. Besides this, the winter cholam and rice crops are now assured, so that advances on them can be procured, and with the fall in the river and change of wind, navigation is now very much easier for boats ascending from Rajahmundry, so that the import trade has now few difficulties to contend with. I propose going to Bhadrachalam at the end of the month, as I have now shaken off the low fever I suffered from in consequence of subacute bronchitis for nearly two months, and will then decide whether to stop all relief at once or continue it a little longer in isolated and exceptional cases. Even now relief can only be necessary in non-riverside villages, and generally only in the case of those who are sick or old and infirm and have none to support them.

RESOLUTION—No. 713, dated 17th November 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The report from the division is not based on the personal knowledge of the Sub-Collector, and there is no Special Assistant. The Famine Commissioner would be obliged if the Collector would forward any reports received from Mr. Woodhouse and from Mr. Ward regarding the closing of relief, and Mr. Cain's account of the relief given by him which, the Famine Commissioner believes, he communicated to Mr. Woodhouse.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. ✓
„ Collector of Górávari.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

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(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Górávari.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 1013, Revenue, dated 4th December 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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